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LEGENDS OF COUNTRY MUSIC - Randy Hollar and Alfie Myhre delighted the crowd at Heinsburg Community Hall on Friday evening with their old-time country music that had every foot tapping and a few of those feet on the dance floor in a concert that followed a trail ride supporting Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Society. Story on Page 3.

Election race is on in town and county

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It's setting up to be quite an election race on Monday, Oct. 16, with excellent response from hopeful candidates on Nomination Day, Sept. 18. All candidates have until noon today to withdraw from the race.

In the town of Elk Point, incumbent Parrish Tung will compete with former deputy mayor Lorne Young for the Mayor's chair, while council incumbents Bernice Capjack, Debra McQuinn and Dwayne Yaremkevich will face off against newcomers Henry Botting, Sherry Bower-Gagne, Terri Hampson and Jennifer (Flanders) Van der Hoek for the four council seats.

In the County of St. Paul, incumbent Steve Upham will share the Reeve portion of the ballot with former Division 1 councillor Glen Ockerman and Leo deMoissac. Divisions 1 and 2 will both have a brand new councillor after the election, with the voters deciding between Division 1 candidates Dean Smith and Darrell Younghans and Division 2 candidates Myra Bochon, Ron Herard and Kevin Wirsta. Division 3 has incumbent Cliff Martin going against Ray Suvak, Division 4 incumbent Maxine Fodness will compete with James McGonigal, and a new slate in Division 5 sees Dale Hedrick, Barry Sallstrom and Ric Webster on the ballot. Only Laurent Amyotte, Division 6, is in by acclamation.

Lorne Young, Ward A, Deb Pederson, Ward B. and Heather Starosielski, Ward F were declared elected to St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 school board, with Ruven Rajoo and Lorrett Tatarin competing in Ward C, Rhonda Lafrance and Sylvie Smyl in Ward D and Justin Anderson and Christopher Cook in Glen Avon Ward.

Proposed fireworks permission bylaw sparks debate

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A proposed fireworks permission bylaw sparked debate at last week's Town Council meeting. The draft bylaw was put forward after a recent Safety Code Council audit identified that such a bylaw was needed, as one was not currently in place.

Council learned that Rob Duffy, the Town of Elk Point Fire Inspector and Director of Emergency Management and Occupational Health and Safety, researched the Alberta Fire Code requirements for the storage, sale, purchase, possession and discharge of low hazard fireworks in Alberta, which includes a clause stating that the consumer must have written

permission from the fire department to both purchase and discharge the fireworks, and will require written consent from the landowner where the fireworks are to be discharged and from neighbouring affected landowners before that permission will be granted. Retailers and wholesalers supplying fireworks would have to keep track of date of sale, name, address and phone number of purchaser, description of the goods sold, the date, time and location, including site description, of discharge and must retain the information for two years.

The bylaw would also restrict time frames when fireworks could be sold or purchased to 10 days prior to and inclusive of the Sunday following Canada Day, or other time frames of 10 or fewer days allowed for

on a one-time basis approved by resolution of town council, with sale and purchase allowed only between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on those days.

Duffy is to meet with the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and the rest of the fire department to review the requirements.

Under the proposed bylaw, a business wishing to store and or sell fireworks would require a permit from the town, with a fee of which part would be submitted to the Safety Codes Council.

The proposed bylaw was deemed "very restrictive" by council, who felt they need more information and a more in depth discussion, including determining the ability to enforce such a bylaw.

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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL No. 19



HIGHLIGHTS

September 12, 2017 Council Meeting

Road Closures due to Road Construction – Township Road 591A between Range Road 94 and 95 will be closed from Monday September 18th to October 2nd to construct a bridge.

Township Road 590 (Correction Line) east of Owlseye to Range Road 103 South and the Iron Horse Trail will be closed from September 25 to October 10th. This road closure will also affect the Iron Horse Trail and Range Road 103 North.

Moosehills Road – is open to the travelling public, however residents are expected to follow the posted speed limit signs. Public Works continue to monitor the road daily and are working with AMEC Foster Wheeler to come up with a strategy to repair the road. The County has submitted an Expression of Interest to the Federal Government under their National Trade Corridors Fund to assist with the repair of this important road. We have received a funding commitment from Pengrowth and CNRL for this project. Additionally, the County will be making application for funding under the STIP Local Municipal Initiatives portion of the program. We have also applied for funding under the Disaster Recovery Program.

Clubroot/Noxious Weeds – Experts from the Canola Council and the University of Alberta have been working with the Ag Department as we have found several fields that tested positive for Clubroot. Staff continue to work with producers to educate them on the disease and show them the Clubroot that was found in their fields. Agriculture producers where Clubroot is found will be restricted from growing canola on that field for three years; they can plant a Clubroot resistant variety in the fourth year. If farmers are looking for more information regarding Clubroot they are encouraged to call Keith Kornelsen, County Ag Fieldman at 780-645-0154.

ASB staff have also found an outbreak of Himalayan Balsam by the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. They are working with the Village and county landowners to try and pull as much as they can this year. They are also working on a long-term plan to control the weed.

Connection to Ashmont Water Distribution Line – Council heard from the Edmonton New Church Society who own 39 acres in PNW 35-59-11-W4 and are interested in connecting to the Ashmont water distribution line. The group has also contacted residents in Cameron Cove who are open to discuss connecting to the water distribution line. The item was referred to Strategic Planning where Council will discuss options that may be available to the residents in that area.

Bylaws – Council approved a Borrowing Bylaw 2017-02 for \$720,120 to finance the water line to bring water to the Hamlet of Mallaig. The estimated cost of the project is \$10,200,000 with the balance to be paid through Federal and Provincial funding.

Council also gave third reading to Bylaw No. 2017-25 to repeal the Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw.

FCSS Seniors Festival – The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS will be hosting their **Annual Seniors Festival** on Friday, November 24 in Ashmont at 11:00 a.m. Bussing will be provided from rural areas. For further information, call 780-645-1950.

Funding Support:

- \$200 – Elk Point Grandparents Day Walk
- \$50,000 – Mallaig Ag Society for Arena Repairs

For more information contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
At 780-645-3301, ext 208

P.U.P seeks partners for Halloween Frolic

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

One of the sure signs of autumn is the arrival of Halloween candy on store shelves, and F. G. Miller High School's Practitioners of Underground Philanthropy (P.U.P) group has taken that as a sign to get busy with a brand new project: hosting a Halloween Family Frolic on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Sherry Bower-Gagne and Megan Phillips of P.U.P announced the upcoming event at last week's meeting of the Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee. "The idea came from the ROCK Group, who hosted it two years ago," Bower-Gagne said, "and we picked it up." The P.U.P is hoping that other groups will join the junior and senior high school volun-

teers in creating and operating a Safe Halloween Carnival, she said. There may be a small admission fee or collection of donations, but the goal is to keep the cost at a minimum so that families can enjoy a fun, activity-filled Halloween with their children.

The P.U.P group is inviting businesses and residents to support the event by donating candy for the treat bags, with donors receiving a poster to hang on the door of their business to let trick-or-treaters know that a donation has been made to the Halloween Frolic and giving information about the event.

To become a Frolic sponsor or volunteer, or to find out more about the event, call Sherry Bower-Gagne at F. G. Miller, 780-724-3966 or email bowesh-er@spcrd.ca

STARS helipad vandalized

STAFF WRITERS

Elk Point RCMP are asking the public's assistance after responding to a report of mischief at the Elk Point Hospital, in which a suspect(s) vandalized the helipad lights used by STARS to land.

On the morning of Sept. 11, Elk Point RCMP attended the Elk Point Hospital to learn that sometime between Sept. 8 to 11, an unknown person or people had

broken ten aviation lights and three lenses of the helipad lights, causing about \$500 in damage, according to an RCMP press release. A planter was also left in the centre of the helipad.

"This type of vandalism is not only costly but it put lives at risk," says Cst. Cindy Tymensen. "A seriously injured person may have had to wait a few extra minutes they did not have while a landing was attempted."

Elk Point RCMP is asking anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964 or call your local police.

If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers www.crimestoppers.ab.ca for instructions).

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Legends, locals entertain in Heinsburg

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A trail ride to raise funds for Haying in the '30s Cancer Support Society has been on Heinsburg's calendar every September for a number of years, but this year it almost didn't hit the Iron Horse Trail, due to difficult trail conditions. However, on Friday, Sept. 15, five hardy teamsters harnessed up to keep the tradition alive, and accompanied by a number of horseback riders, pulled into Heinsburg's staging area just in time



Council

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They agreed that the matter should be added to the agenda for the upcoming Fire Board meeting, and that for the time being, to file the draft as information.

Franchise fees

The town has received letters from both AltaGas Utilities and ATCO Electric regarding those companies' 2018 franchise fees. Council agreed to continue receiving a 16 per cent franchise fee from Alta Gas, which in 2016 amounted to \$104,294.45, and in 2018 is estimated to be approximately \$135,781.35.

They also agreed to continue to receive a 3.6 per cent franchise fee from ATCO, which in 2016, came to approximately \$53,321 and is expected to increase for both the current year and 2018 as distribution revenue increases.

Theoretically, the town could ask for as much as 35 per cent in franchise fees from Alta Gas and 20 per cent from ATCO, but council feels that this cost would be passed along to town residents and would add to their financial woes in a time when many are already hurting from the downturn in the economy.

ATCO invoice

Council was pleased to learn that refunds resulting from actual costs for underground installation of electric service to 14 lots in Phase 2A-1 of the Centennial Subdivision and for the installation of four streetlights in the subdivision took a big bite out of the additional costs required for installing TELUS lines during the installation of electric service, bringing the total owed down to \$4,379.35, to be paid from general capital reserves.

The town also received a cost estimate of \$16,965 to replace three end-of-life streetlights, one of them the standard that blew down in the July 13 storm.

Elected Officials course

CAO Ken Gwozdz has already booked attendance for Munis 191, an elected official course that is coming up in Vermilion at the end of November. He strongly

for a very special event.

Good food and good country music are traditional parts of any activity at Heinsburg, but this was the first time that the Heinsburg Community Club had the honor of hosting CFCW's Country Music Legends Randy Hollar and Alfie Myhre for a two-hour show.

Following a dinner of tender Alberta beef followed by a wide array of homemade pies, local musicians opened the show, beginning with young fiddle player Grayson Durocher, who played some old-time favourites, accompanied by Fred Brind on guitar.

Lane Scott, singing hits of Johnny Cash, Garth Brooks and Johnny Horton, was joined on stage by Alfie Myhre and Randy Kryzanowski, the latter also providing a bass accompaniment for the stars of the show.

LOCAL TALENT - included great young fiddle player Grayson Durocher, left, who was backed up by Fred Brind, and Lane Scott, centre, who was accompanied by Alfie Myhre and Randy Kryzanowski (far left).



recommended that all of council attend, and noted that this would be especially valuable to any new members elected in the October election. He will also attend the conference, which will review upcoming changes to the Municipal Government Act.

Seasonal parking

With Labour Day now long past, the town is giving owners of recreational vehicles parked on town property, including streets and boulevards a "gentle reminder" that the time to move them to private property has now arrived. The CAO will be sending out letters shortly to urge compliance with the parking bylaw.

Recreation assessment

Funding of around \$10,000 is now available to do an engineering assessment of recreational buildings, and both the CAO and Public Works superintendent Jay Duffee suggested the A. G. Ross Arena, with council agreeing that this was the facility that engages the most people and would be the number one priority for such an assessment.

Provincial advisory council

Alberta Health Services is launching a new Seniors and Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council and is now accepting applications. The council will consist of up to 15 volunteer members who are experienced with and passionate about seniors health and continuing care related services, who are eager to engage members of their communities to share their wisdom about what is working well and what needs

Randy Hollar is best known for his tribute to Wilf Carter, and his songs, ranging from 'The Beautiful Yoho Valley' to 'There's a Love Knot in my Lariat', along with his outstanding yodeling, brought back wonderful memories of that long-ago Canadian country great to many in the crowd.

"I close my eyes and think I'm sitting beside Wilf Carter," Myhre said, with the many Carter fans in the crowd in total agreement.

Myhre, equally adept on guitar, banjo and his treasured fiddle, recently recovered after a theft from his home, said he has been playing for 68 years, and started off his set with the "fiddle players' theme song," followed by 'Maple Sugar', which set every toe tapping, and took his banjo in hand later in the show for a real oldie, 'Yes Sir, That's My Baby.'

improvement, and who are interested in participating in dialogue that will lead to creative solutions to health care services. Interested Albertans may submit an expression of interest form available at <http://www.ahs.ca/shapethehealthcare>. Deadline for submissions is Sept. 22.

Tax sale tomorrow

Four properties will go up for auction tomorrow at 10 a.m., unless outstanding taxes on those properties are paid up before that time. It was noted that originally the sale list included 40 properties, with the taxes on 36 of those properties paid by the council meeting date.

Approximately the same amount of taxes had been paid prior to the addition of penalties on Sept. 21 as at that time last year.

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 WHEREAS, one in seven Canadian men will be diagnosed with the disease in their lifetime, and
 WHEREAS, an estimated 23,100 Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year; and
 WHEREAS, the survival rate for prostate cancer can be over 90 per cent when detected early; and
 WHEREAS, those with a family history of the disease, or those of African or Caribbean descent, are at a greater risk of developing prostate cancer, and
 WHEREAS, Prostate Cancer Canada recommends that men get a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test in their 40s to establish their baseline;
 THEREFORE, I, Mayor Parrish Tung of Elk Point, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
 in Elk Point.

Parrish Tung
 Mayor

RECREATION CORNER

Home Routes coming to town

recreation@elkpoint.ca
 Review Contributor

I recently became aware of a really cool program which allows people to host travelling musicians: Home Routes. The program allows for musicians to cut down on costs of travelling the country by making host homes available. The host home is responsible to host the artist(s) to stay at their home and feed them; as well as hold a showcase where the public can attend.

Get this, there's a host home in Elk Point! The host has asked that I do not reveal the location of the house, or really the name of the host (because we're such a small community if I told you their name, you'd know where they live). But what I can tell you is, to learn more information about Home Routes or the artists that come through Elk Point you can call 780-724-2268.

Now, let me tell you a little bit about Home Routes. There are about six artists per year that come through Elk Point via this program. They are full, live acoustic concerts put on in the living room of the host. The show is only limited to the amount of people that can fit in the home; by the way that's just under 50. An average show will see about 21 people come out. The cost is \$20 per show and all the money goes to the performers. So not only are they receiving a free night's stay and food, they also make some money on their journey.

The next artist will be in Elk Point on September 27th, Terry Gillespie, a roots artist from Ontario. The show is at 7:30 p.m. and the host asks that you call to find out the location 780-724-2268.

For more information on the artists that will be in the area, check out homeroutes.ca under the "Chautauqua Trail".

Way Back When...

Big step, first candidate, elephant

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 18 IN...

1987

Ed Soldan edged out Bill Milholland by a single stroke to win the Men's championship a Elk Point Golf and Country Club, with an identical edge gave Pearl Bepalko the Ladies' championship over Liz Poitras while Albert Lim and Justin Conrad won the junior titles and John Gusnowski the senior championship. A new committee dealing with agricultural events and chaired by Charlene Baker was warmly welcomed by Agricultural Society president Glen Harms, who said it was "a really big step for the society."

1992

Marshall Kachmar was the first candidate to throw his hat in the ring for the mayor's chair in the October election. Former Elk Point area resident Derek Hehr was named the Lakeland Rodeo Associations' Cowboy of the Year at the LRA finals in St. Paul, where he also led the bull riding coming into the finals.

1997

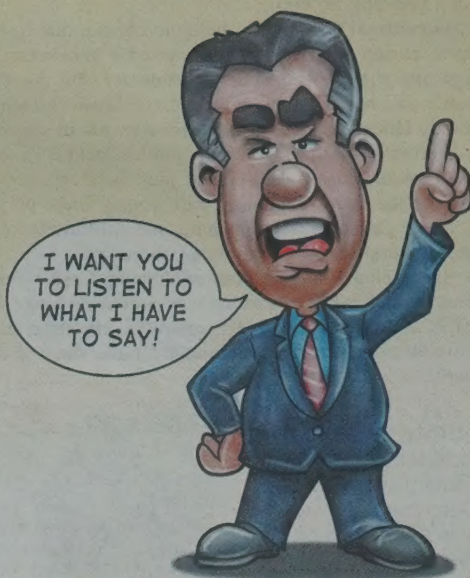
Terry Fox Run earnings were up by half over the previous year despite chilly, damp and windy conditions that faced the large crowd of participants, who earned a variety of prizes for their efforts, with Peggy Maas again the top fundraiser. Property owners would have a new option for paying their 1998 taxes, after council agreed to accept a series of postdated cheques at the beginning of the year, each cheque equaling 1/12 of the 1997 taxes, and any increase to be paid when tax notices came out in June.

2002

Everyone and their elephant was at Information Night, with Elmer the Safety Elephant a big hit with the youngsters as parents visited the booths of 38 community organizations, agencies and service providers. Town council examined the potential of local play-

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grounds, and took a first-hand look at the equipment in order to determine if it was safe and if it still met the needs of local youngsters.

2007

Town council passed bylaws rezoning property along Highway 41 from Institutional to its original designation of Highway Commercial and on Railway Avenue from Central Commercial to R2 Residential. County council agreed that preserving Heinsburg's historic train station was a priority for local residents, with efforts to do so appreciated by Iron Horse Trail and Riverland Recreational Trail supporters.

2012

Concern that their property tax has almost tripled in the past 15 years brought Mark and Jodi Verenka to meet with town council, where Mayor Parrish Tung said the general assessment could be part of the factor, because his own taxes have nearly doubled since he first purchased his house.



DELEGATES at the Northern Lights Library Conference took a hike to the Peter Fidler statue in search of a nearby geocache.

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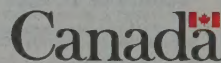
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Work continuing on Moosehills Road

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Work continues to be done on fixing Moosehills Road. An application for funding through the National Trade Corridors Fund Expression of Interest to repair Moosehills road went in on Sept. 5, said County of St. Paul CAO Sheila Kitz at last week's regular meeting.

"We have commitment from Pengrowth for \$250,000 and CNRL \$500,000 towards the project. We also will be looking to make application under the STIP Local Municipal Initiatives portion of the program."

Administration has been working with AMEC Foster Wheeler to come up with a strategy for repair of the road. Their recommendation is to lower the road one meter in the area of the slide, which would be done in 2018, explained Kitz.

The county would monitor the area for one to two seasons and if failure continues, a pile wall for approx. 100 meters in the fault area would be installed. The estimated cost for the three-year project is \$4,000,000.

The county did apply for this work under the Disaster Recovery Program as well, but the county has yet to hear back from the program.

Aggregate levy

At the August Meeting, Council was presented with Bylaw No. 2017-25, a bylaw to repeal Bylaw No. 2015-01, Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw. The bylaw did not receive unanimous consent to be considered for third reading, and could not proceed to third reading.

Bylaw No. 2017-25 was presented at the September meeting for third reading, and was carried.

The levy bylaw was originally implemented in 2015. Since that time, administration has been trying to implement the bylaw to the best of its ability and understanding, explained CAO Sheila Kitz, after Tuesday's meeting.

A recent review of this implementation prompted council to re-evaluate the merits of the bylaw. That review determined that the levy no longer served the needs of the county as a whole, said Kitz.

Swimming Pool Operator Course

Coun. Glen Ockerman expressed concern over the idea of a seasonal employing taking a Swimming Pool Operator Course. Director of Community Services

Tim Mahdiuk explained that it would be the Westcove park manager who would take the course, due to the spray park that operates on a recycled water system.

Having the manager take the course would alleviate other county staff from having to maintain the spray park. Mahdiuk noted that he felt the park manager had taken things in a positive direction at Westcove, and believed the manager would return for at least a few more seasons.

"This is going to make him a better manager out there," said Mahdiuk.

Ockerman agreed that the course could be beneficial, but requested that the employee commit to at least two more seasons with the county, otherwise he should have to pay back the costs of taking the course.

Council agreed to move forward with having the employee take the course, along with a letter stating he would continue to be an employee for a specified amount of time.

The course registration fee is \$412.

Peace officers

When County of St. Paul voters head to the polls in less than a month to cast their votes in the upcoming municipal election, they will also be asked to answer a plebiscite question regarding the notion of the county hiring peace officers.

The issue has continued to arise over many years, with councillors often expressing differing views on the topic. The question on the ballot will read: "Are you in favour of the County of St. Paul hiring peace officers to carry out traffic and bylaw enforcement activities within its boundaries to be funded from general revenues?"

County administration has been working toward putting information together, so that voters can be informed on the financial implications of hiring bylaw officers, heard those in attendance at the Sept. 12 council meeting.

During the meeting, Kitz said according to the information she had gathered, it would cost \$300,000 per year, for five years, to hire two officers. This includes the cost of vehicles, salaries, and other expenses.

Councillors expressed some concerns when discussing the estimate during last week's meeting.

"If we're going to do it, we'd have to do the whole county," said Coun. Cliff Martin, when speaking of

the issue. He noted that he felt there was a strong likelihood the county would need more than two officers to offer complete coverage.

Coun. Frank Sloan agreed, saying most calls would come in on the weekends, and after regular office hours. He also asked if a "housing cost" had been included in the estimates.

Kitz said she did not include housing, since there is space in the basement of the county administration office that could be used for the officers to work out of. Sloan added that he felt there would still be a cost associated with housing the officers.

Council requested that administration continue looking into the numbers further, and compare budgets to other municipalities that are similar to St. Paul in size, and issues being dealt with.

While future county councillors won't be bound by the results of the plebiscite, the results will help guide future decisions on the matter.

Currently, the County of St. Paul has a designated staff member who deals with bylaw enforcement issues when complaints arise, while RCMP does traffic enforcement within the county.

Special Ballot

In an effort to provide more opportunities to voters for the Oct. 16 municipal elections, the County of St. Paul has adopted the use of special ballots.

Election voters who are physically unable to go to a voting station, or who will be away from the County of St. Paul on election day, are eligible to vote by special ballot as per the County of St. Paul Election Bylaw 2017-22.

Residents can request a special ballot package in writing to the Returning Officer Kyle Attanasio at 5015 49 Avenue, St. Paul, AB, T0A 3A4, by email at kattanasio@county.stpaul.ab.ca, by phone at 780-645-3301 Ext. 221, by fax at (780) 645-3104, or in person at the County of St. Paul Administration Office.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Special ballot packages will be mailed after ballot printing concludes starting Oct. 2. Voters can request a special ballot up to and including Oct. 16 at 10 a.m.

All special ballots must be completed and returned to the County office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 16.

RCMP arrest male after carjacking

ELK POINT RCMP
Review Contributors

On Sept. 10, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Elk Point RCMP responded to a residence where it was believed a carjacking with firearm occurred.

The victim dropped off several persons at a residence. Once at the residence a male pointed a firearm at the victim and demanded the keys to the vehicle. The victim was able to flee the residence after the car drove away and call police. No one was injured. Police made extensive patrols in the area but the vehicle was not located.

At approximately 4:00 p.m., police responded to a report of

an erratic driver on Highway 897 near Frog Lake in a vehicle matching the description of the earlier carjacking. The car swerved by a police vehicle narrowly missing responding officers and lost control and drove into a ditch.

A male was arrested and taken into custody without incident and a loaded rifle with ammunition was located in the vehicle and seized by police.

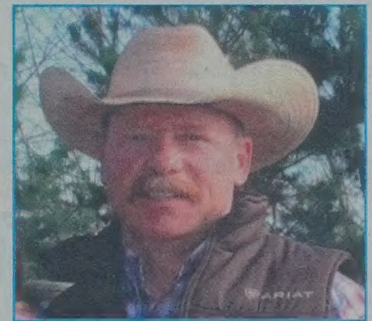
Marlon Lacombe, a 26-year-old male from Fishing Lake has been charged with the following Criminal Code offences: Robbery with a firearm; Carrying a concealed weapon; Possession of weapon for a dangerous purpose;

Unauthorized possession of a firearm; Possession of weapons and ammunition contrary to prohibition order (X2); Possession of a firearm/ammunition in a vehicle; and Possession of firearm of a firearm with a tampered serial number.

At the time of his arrest Marlon Lacombe was also wanted by police for armed robbery and assault causing bodily harm from an alleged incident that occurred on June 21, 2017. He was remanded into custody after a judicial hearing and will be appearing in St. Paul Provincial Court on Sept. 14, 2017.

As the matter is now before the courts no further information will be provided.

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CAPC starts new season, meets new sergeant

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's Community Advisory Policing Committee (CAPC) started off the new season of meetings by welcoming RCMP Sgt. Terry Hyggen to the group. Sgt. Hyggen arrived in Elk Point in mid July to take over leadership of the very busy detachment.

CAPC members had plenty of input to give the newcomer, with most of their areas of concern dealing with recent crimes.

Town Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said that council has heard concerns from seniors regarding the recent rash of thefts, "more in the last six months than the last 10 years. We need to work with the RCMP and maybe get the COPS going." He also noted that the municipal election is coming up in October.

Pastor Jim MacLellan of Elk Point Baptist Church said that personal property theft is common, with many residents putting sensor lights in their yards and being more careful about locking their doors. "We need constant vigilance on the highway, especially with the new crosswalk," he said, noting that his own pet peeve was people parking in front of the post office after coming from the wrong direction.

Levina Ewasiuk reported that seniors "feel vulnerable," not only to property thefts but also to identity theft and break-and-enters. Fall activities at the Seniors Recreation Centre are now getting underway.

Megan Phillips of F. G. Miller High School reported that volleyball season is underway, with a senior boys team and both girls and boys' junior teams. A school dance will be scheduled in the near future. She is in

her final year at FGM and is hoping to recruit another student to take her place on the committee next year.

Sherry Bower-Gagne added that the Family-School Liaison worker has expressed concern about the detachment being shorthanded and hopes it is possible to advocate for additional officers. Ashley McQueen of Victim Services said the best way to do that is to speak with the MLA, as change starts at the local level.

Orest Sereda reported a well attended Rural Crime Watch barbecue in June with live music as long as weather permitted and about 50 in attendance. The newly refurbished RCW float took part in the Canada Day Parade, and they had a booth at Information Night. The next RCW meeting is Sept. 21 in St. Paul.

McQueen has also had a busy summer, and took part in both the parade and Information Night, where she received applications for new advocates. The good news is she has hired a replacement, as yet unnamed, and that increased grant funding means there will be three people in the Victim Services office. It is not the same community she came to in 2014, she said, and the additional staff will help with the larger workload, which includes taking over the part of crime files that involve victims, telling them what options they have and going to trial with them.

County of St. Paul Div. 2 Coun. Dwight Dach said there was currently a lot of work being done on roads and consequently many gravel trucks, which are being made aware of the need to comply with speed limits.

Sgt. Hyggen called Elk Point "a unique community, a very busy community. I've been in talks with the Eastern Alberta District to try to provide more efficient service. I have my ideas, including a satellite detachment. It all comes down to sheer numbers, and I'm working to ward solutions."

He said the detachment had 1,066 calls in three months, including 32 business and 28 residential break-ins, numerous incidents of mischief, some of them serious, "but not as much traffic." He spoke briefly on some of the situations he had dealt with, including a perpetrator shooting off guns, charges stemming from a chop shop where 18 vehicles as well as ATVs and tools were recovered, and an armed robbery.

"There are people out there that can't be on the streets. The courts recognize that but have no alternative but to release them when they have served their time. It's a societal problem, the majority to do with drugs. We can and we will do what we have to do."

The next CAPC meeting is scheduled for Nov. 8.

Enrollment drop could lose SPERD \$1million in funding

JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Staff

A further drop in student enrollment of 99 students more than projected may equate to a loss of nearly \$1 million for St. Paul Education Regional Division, and could precipitate some tough decisions on staffing, division superintendent Glen Brodziak told the local school board at its Sept. 13 meeting.

"It's not a really good situation at this point," he said, noting that each student represents roughly \$10,000 in funding.

The number one driver of decision-making is impact to children in classrooms, he said, adding that staffing cuts can affect those children, as well as teachers' livelihoods, and as such are a "last, last, last resort."

However, he noted, "There's a finite amount of resources we have to run our schools."

Principals make projections in spring on how many students they expect to enroll for the next year. Overall projections were for a loss of 10 to 15 kids, but the actual drop has been 112 students, as of Sept. 12, according to Brodziak, who noted that the final count will be on Sept. 30.

St. Paul Elementary's enrollment numbers were up from projections, but St. Paul Regional lost

students, while Glen Avon School also saw a drop in projected enrollment, largely at the kindergarten level, while Two Hills Mennonite School also dropped by about 30 students, said Brodziak. Two Hills Mennonite School, however, opened later than scheduled because of the ongoing work at the site and the enrollment numbers may still rise there, he noted.

Secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne said that the school board had been looking at a projected deficit of \$800,000, but that deficit could range from anywhere to \$1 to \$3 million based on actual enrollment.

"We have some hot spots, we definitely have some hot spots," said Brodziak, noting that the school board has to decide on whether it needs to combine classes, or break larger classrooms into two or three teachers, or other potential changes.

"I'm going to be looking at you guys for direction," he told the board.

"It's difficult, do we do it now, or later if the trend continues?" mused board chair Heather Starosielski.

In response, Brodziak said there were few alternatives left - the school board has tried to cut in other areas before staffing, but is "getting thin" in those other areas and may have to look at the bulk of its expenses, which is in wages.

The school division is trying to compile information on any potential enrollment changes, and will be keeping a close eye on the trends leading to the Sept. 30 deadline.

"Let's go find some kids," cracked Starosielski to chuckles, as those around the table joked about driving around, looking for kids outside of the division's boundaries, or baking cookies to entice more students to come to the schools.

Mennonite School opens

The long-anticipated opening of a new Two Hills Mennonite School finally took place in time for this past school year, four years after construction began, and a big round of applause greeted the news at the Sept. 13 SPERD meeting.

"It was hectic to say the least," said secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne, noting that delays pushed back the anticipated opening until Sept. 11, nearly a week after school had commenced in the rest of the division. The school construction has faced a long uphill battle, with the crews working on the site finding a buried concrete foundation from an old curling rink, which they had to demolish and remove, later finding an artesian well, that had to be capped with methane detectors, fans and a revamped exhaust system adding to the time and costs.

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Tomatoes 'just like mom used to grow'

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The use of heritage and heirloom seeds by gardeners is becoming more popular every year, but most of those seeds are purchased from seed catalogues or obtained from such organizations as the Seed Savers Exchange.

A few, however, fit the actual meaning of an heirloom: anything of value to a person, family or group passed down from one generation to other and is generally considered something worth passing down. In the case of heirloom seed, it is seed from a plant that has been passed from one generation to another, carefully grown and saved because it is considered valuable. The value could lie in its flavour, productivity, hardiness or adaptability.

A few years ago, Marshel Pelech was cleaning out a shed when

he found a can containing carefully labeled envelopes of garden seeds his late mother had collected and saved, a common practice among thrifty farm women of past generations. Knowing that the seeds had been stored away for many years, Pelech felt it was doubtful that they would grow, but took a 20 year-old envelope marked 'Russian tomato seeds' that his mother had saved and gave them to tomato growing enthusiast Don Brooker to try.

Brooker planted the seeds and was excited to see a few of them growing. The first crop yielded only a handful of tomatoes, from which he carefully extracted and saved the seeds, planting those again the next year with better success, and managed to grow several plants. Once again, the seeds were saved, and this year, grew into sufficient seedlings to share

with Pelech, who is now harvesting his first crop of the heirloom tomatoes his mother had passed down to him.

Recently, Pelech's wife, Sherry Milholland, shared a photo on Facebook, with the caption, "These are the huge, meaty tomatoes that we

got from the plant Don gave us!"

Brooker was not surprised by the photo, having already won a ribbon in the Largest Tomato category at the Elk Point Horticulture and Craft Show with one of the 'Russian tomatoes' from his own garden.



Sherry Milholland photo

GARDEN HEIRLOOM - Descended from seed found in a decades-old envelope labeled 'Russian Tomatoes,' these big, meaty beauties are the pride of Marshel Pelech's tomato patch.

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WEED - Despite the attractive pink flowers, Himalayan Balsam is actually a noxious weed. County of St. Paul Ag fieldman Keith Kornelsen shows off the plant, which is spreading in some areas out at the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay.



Himalayan Balsam spreads in Horseshoe Bay

County aims to control noxious weed

JANANI WHITFIELD
Journal Staff

Pink flowers shooting up around the northwest corner of Vincent Lake may on the surface seem pretty, but they are in fact a prohibited noxious weed which, left unchecked, could end up choking out native species.

The appearance of Himalayan Balsam was reported to the County of St. Paul by the manager for the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay, with Keith Kornelsen, County of St. Paul Ag fieldman, saying there seemed to be a "significant outbreak" in that area.

"It can outcompete anything; it grows so tall and fast, it's outcompeting trees," he said.

Kornelsen speculated that an area resident may have found the flowers appealing and planted it, not realizing that the Alberta government has classified it as a prohibited noxious weed.

The plant's seeds can shoot out as far as 10 feet when the pods ripen and explode. As it craves moisture, the Himalayan Balsam spreads along shorelines and can contribute to erosion.

However, Pigeon Lake has provided

a model for fighting outbreaks; in 2009, an action plan was put in to effect to eradicate Himalayan Balsam that had spread around the central Albertan lake. The initial plan encouraged residents to pull and bag the plant, but there were far too many plants for this to work, with thousands of plants going to seed.

A new protocol called Pick, Break and Drop went into effect in its place. If the plant is pulled out by the roots, which is easy to do because of its shallow roots, and the stem is broken, the plant dies and will not go to seed.

Last week, County of St. Paul employees worked to control the spread of the weed, using a bobcat to mow down and crush the tall-growing stems. Kornelsen expressed confidence that with use of the protocol this fall and next spring, the annual plant's spread could be curtailed.

He acknowledged, however, that the weed may already exist in other areas of the County of St. Paul and around other lakes, and encouraged anyone who may see the tell-tale flowers to report it.

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Fall ball season underway

You'll never know until you try it. A few years ago, Baseball Alberta had an idea brought to the board about starting a fall baseball league. They decided to give it a try and started a short season from September to November, called fall ball. At the time no one knew how well this would catch on. Fall ball is now getting more and more popular every year.

This year one of our local midget aged boys, Austin 'the Wizard' Stafford was asked to play with the Edmonton Padres for their fall ball season. Since he had played at the end of the season with them in their AA Tier 2 provincial final, he accepted the invitation and has been living in the city of Edmonton, practicing and playing with the team. As you may recall, he played this past season in Marwayne and did really well pitching in their provincial final and was scouted and picked up by the Padres to play on their AA provincial team after the Marwayne team had finished their season.

This past weekend the team travelled to Calgary to play four games in two days. The Padres team lost the first game 8 to 7. The 'Wizard', as they like to call him played third base in that game, fielding the ball and making two double plays and hitting two doubles at the plate.

Game two, they won 16 to 8, the 'Wizard' played in the outfield and hit another double. In the third game he pitched four innings, allowing no runs, the score 0 to 0 when he decided to pull himself due to a sore elbow.

It was nothing serious but they have a lot of games coming up and he didn't want to push it to the point where it might become a problem. Not on the lineup in the fourth game, the coach put him in part way through the game to pinch hit, and coming off the bench he cranked another double, his fourth one of the weekend. The 'Wizard of Auz' was getting very well known for his pitching abilities, but not so much for hitting, but it looks like, with a weekend like this last one, that is about to change.

The St. Paul Bengals are off to a good start to the season with two wins, winning over Wainwright in their first game and over Cold Lake this past weekend. Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal receiving a pass in the first game on the 23-yard line, running in for a touchdown. 'Danny Boy' Cardinal, and bruise brother 'Bazooka Joe' and Odin 'the Wall' Smith all getting in on some big tackles and 'Chuckles' sacking the quarterback in this one a couple of times, the Bengals winning 62 to 0. The second game this past weekend against Cold Lake saw another touchdown by 'Chuckles' who was also in on some more tackles along with the bruise brothers 'Danny Boy' and 'Bazooka Joe', and Odin 'the Wall' Smith of course flattened a few guys too that had to be helped off the field. The final score 44 to 12 for the Bengals.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "If they play dirty, then you play dirty." - Lawrence Taylor, NFL Outside Linebacker



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Review Sports

Fall boating takes a little more care

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Boating in the fall offers colourful vistas, quiet anchorages and excellent fishing but it is not without its challenges that necessitate self-sufficiency and taking some additional precautions to keep from running into trouble.

The Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) wants to remind all boaters enjoying the fall season on the water to follow these tips to ensure that their excursions are both safe and enjoyable.

Before heading out, be sure to check the weather forecast. The mixing of warm and cold air can quickly spawn high winds and waves making it treacherous for small boats. Fog, too, is an issue at this time of year making visibility difficult. Should boaters find themselves in a fog bank, they should proceed slowly and sound their horn at regular intervals to alert other boaters of their presence.

Well into October, daytime temperatures can occasionally be balmy but dressing for the water temperature will help slow the onset of hypothermia should the unexpected happen and the boater find himself in the water. Accidental cold water immersion can be shocking, but they shouldn't panic. It may take a minute or so to get their breathing under control after the initial shock but they will have at least 10-15 minutes, even in very cold water, to affect self-rescue before they start to lose muscle control in their arms and legs. This is where an approved life jacket, either inflatable or inherently buoyant, is an essential part of a boater's wardrobe to keep them afloat after they can no longer swim.

In the fall, there are fewer boats on the water to offer assistance, if needed. Boaters should be sure to leave a float plan with a responsible person on shore who will know what to do if they're overdue. A marine radio or cell phone will allow them to call for assistance should the need arise. Having a few tools and spare parts aboard will also allow them to fix minor problems that might otherwise cause them to be stranded out on the water.

It's important that boaters ensure that their boat and engine are in good shape and mechanically sound. Ethanol-based fuel can allow water contamination in the tank. The use of a fuel additive prevents water in the fuel line from freezing which could cause the engine to chug to a halt. If the boat has portable fuel tanks, it's a good idea to have a spare on board as a reserve.

When boaters head out, they should be wary of reduced water levels that can result after a long, hot and dry summer season. Some of a boater's favourite shallow water fishing holes may be inaccessible at this time of year. Also, while underway, they should keep a sharp lookout for debris and chunks of ice that could penetrate the boat's hull at speed.

Now that fall is here, boaters should make the most of what's left of the boating season before the cold weather hits. By exercising a little caution and an ability to be self-sufficient when out on the water, they can more fully enjoy nature's splendour and quiet waterways. Visit <http://www.csbc.ca/> for more tips on boating safety.

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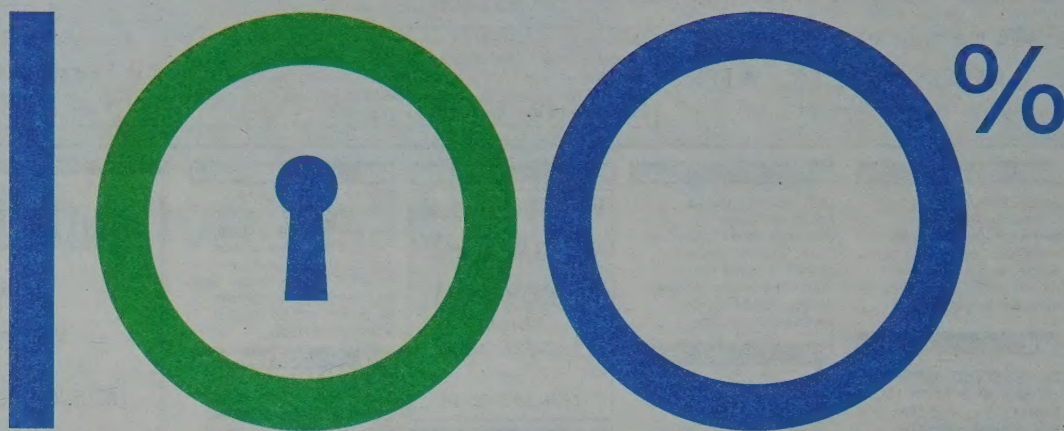
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Champagne noted that there will be
work still ongoing at the school, with
outdoor work like the construction of
bus lanes ongoing into the fall and com-
pleted over next summer."But we're in the school, which is
pretty good news."Champagne gave a special thanks to
principal Ryan Morey for his "incred-
ible dedication" to the project, with
the school board trustees also giving their
appreciation to the school's staff and a
"patient community," for waiting until
the school was completed.The school division had set up a
tentative date to hold a ribbon cutting
on Oct. 5, but no one from the govern-
ment was able to attend at that date, the
board heard."No government representatives,"
echoed trustee Deb Pederson, shaking
her head in disbelief.However, the board decided to look
at alternate dates to see if it would be
possible to have a representative from
the government be present.Superintendent Glen Brodziak noted
however, that it should be "this board's
celebration" as this was the board that
had seen the project through, and as
such, the ribbon cutting should be held
before the Oct. 16 election.**Playgrounds**While the province announced fund-
ing for new schools' playgrounds in
June, St. Paul Education Regional
Division trustees were happy to hear the
news - until they found out both of its
new schools would not meet the guide-
lines to receive funds.The government is contributing
\$250,000 to new schools announced
between 2014 and 2018; however, con-
struction on a new Two Hills Mennonite
School was announced before 2014,
while Ashmont School is considered a
replacement school, not a new school.The division had sent a letter asking
the Government of Alberta to recon-
sider, noting that most rural schools are
built as replacement school projects,
rather than new schools.However, Starosielski confirmed that
the board's request did not meet with
success."While I recognize the importance of
playgrounds to children's development
and the fact that they create community
hubs, the scope of this program, includ-
ing eligibility, reflects the current fiscal
realities facing our province today,"
wrote Minister Eggen in response to
Starosielski's letter, suggesting that
schools not eligible for the funding
could apply for the Community Facility
Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant.Starosielski said she found it "inter-
esting" that most of the new schools that
will receive playground funding were in
metro areas, before resignedly saying,
"And the fundraising continues."**Long-time trustee retires**Long-time trustee Rhea Looy will
not be running for school board, a deci-
sion which she announced before the
end of the summer, but said at the last
meeting that she had not heard if anyone
would be running to take her seat."Please if anyone knows anyone on
the north side of (main street)," she said,
appealing to the school board and the
public to find someone who was willing
to represent the school division at the
table, representing an area that stretches
from the north end of St. Paul to the cor-
rection line, west to St. Brides and east
to Elk Point."And this board is so well-run," she
said, adding that the time had come for
her, however, to step down.If no one steps up as of Nomination
Day on Sept. 18, then the nominations
will be kept open for an additional 24
hours, up to six days, heard the board.Starosielski offered her thanks to
Looy for her 16 years of service, with
trustee Rhonda Lafrance adding, "We
hope you enjoy your retirement."**Announcements***We would like to thank our family,
our friends, and the community*for the outpouring of support that we were
surrounded by through this difficult time. We'd
like to express the gratitude that was felt by our
family; to all of the doctors, nurses & staff at
the Bonnyville, Cold Lake and University of
Alberta hospitals for their guidance and their
genuine care & concern for our Mom.As well, thank you to Father Gerard Gauthier
of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church for
the beautiful mass that was said for Mom;
and the staff at Grace Gardens for their
compassion & assistance in the planning &
arrangements that needed to be made.The amount of flowers, cards & donations that
we received were a testament to how many
lives Mom touched. Every card was filled with
kind & supportive words, and every flower
brought some brightness to our sorrow. We are
also very appreciative of the donations made
to cancer research, Ferguson Flats, Haying in
the 30's and to the 2nd Chance Trail Ride. Our
Mom would be honoured, as we are, to know
that donations have been made to charities
in her name.*With Our Deepest Thanks,
All of Mary Nelson's Family***SCOTT,
Phyllis**On September 12, 2017, Mrs. Phyllis
Scott of Elk Point passed away at the
age of 91 years. She is survived by
her daughter, Karen (Glen) Mayner
of Edson; 3 sons, Kendall (Chantel) of
Whitecourt, David & Glen (Roberta)
both of Elk Point; 6 grandsons,
Matthew, Mark, Daniel, Brenden,
Colton & Benjamin; numerous nieces
& nephews. She was predeceased by
her husband, Wesley in 2003; parents,
Tarold & Thea Aarbo; siblings, Alfield,
Jens, Martin, Lillian, Rose, Martha &
Jeannette. A Funeral Service will be
held on Tuesday, September 19 at
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